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### WIPED OUT.

The chancery court which meets at Jasper next Monday will approve or disapprove of the sale of the property of the Sequachee Valley Coal and Iron Company and Sequachee Town & Improvement company, and if approved as we are advised the sale will be both these companies pass away and leave only a memory.

And as these companies were almost the last to be formed so also are almost the last to be judicially wiped out, and it is remarkable in connection with the towns that were started in the speculative years 1878-9-80 no one seemed to have made any money unless it were those from whom the lands were purchased and with but few exceptions, if they got high prices for their property, either by recklessness or poor investments, they got rid of the money they received and to-day find them with neither lands nor money.

The Sequachee companies were not of the reckless, speculative kind but for want of capital to develop with, they were by the continued business depression, obliged to remain inactive, until from the same causes their property depreciated until 50 per cent. of its value had gone.

To the stockholders who put in their money in good faith or those who received the same for payment there is nothing. For the bondholders who paid for their bonds, but a meager return can be expected, but the causes which led to it were what affected the whole country, and as the companies had no means to develop or improve the property, the end has come.

There are those who say the company ought to have done this or that. The answer to this is more than emphasized by the fact that they had no money to do with and consequently nothing was done. That is all there is to it.

It other companies who had millions to develop with made such poor showing and lamentable failures, these companies whose total receipts did not exceed \$250,000, have made a better showing than many others.

As to the future we are not advised as to what is contemplated, but we put ourselves on record with this statement. The property is as good as ever it was in 1890; the mineral deposits are in the mountain; the timber that remains has had seven years growth, the town site is the best in the valley, and we hope the new owners will be able to command means to take hold where the defunct companies left off, and make it what we want it to be—a success in every particular.

### THE LOSS OF THE MAINE.

In common with others we wait with anxiety to know the cause of the loss of the hundreds of lives and the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor, and while our sympathies are strongly with the Cubans we trust the investigation will be quickly made and the people know the cause of the disaster. A war with Spain is not wanted, but the deaths of the men who went down in the Maine must be accounted for satisfactorily.

### SEQUACHEE VALLEY R. R.

The Chattanooga Times informed us last week that Maj. Thomas had about decided to discontinue the Jasper accommodation train and all for the good and sufficient reason that it did not pay. The train is making its usual trips this week, however, and comes in nearly an hour earlier every night, quit—a convenience over the old schedule. Maj. Thomas has the thanks and good will of Dunlap and the traveling public up this way generally for the new order of things.—Tribune.

A statement in the Chattanooga Times last Saturday morning to the effect that the management of the N. C. & St. L. railroad were talking of abandoning the Pikeville branch created quite an excitement among some of our citizens. The rumor is no doubt without foundation.—Pikeville Reporter.

We do not take any stock in the reports as to the suspension of the passenger train. With Chattanooga as the only objective point, we question if the travel does pay but there are other places besides Chattanooga to which people want to go. Often have we wished that that the train now going to Chattanooga could remain on this road and instead of waiting three or four hours in that place could run from Bridgeport to Whitwell or Dunlap and return which would be a real convenience to people having business to do up and down the Valley. As it is any business up the Valley must be done at night, anything down, a day has to be wasted waiting for the train.

### MISS FRANCIS A. WILLARD.

By the death of this estimable woman the whole country suffers a loss and to thousands her life and labors will ever be a sweet recollection. She will be buried to-day at her home at Evanston, Ill. She was a grand, noble woman who labored for justice and right, and in doing good made the world better.

### Shoemaking in the South.

J. W. Carter & Co. have recently completed a shoe factory near Nashville, Tenn., which is one of the best in the country. It is located on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and has a capacity for making 5000 pairs of shoes daily, giving employment to 500 hands. According to a statement of Mr. Carter, the company located in the South for the following reasons. The advantages of cheap fuel, cheap living, intelligent, cheap American labor. "Why," continued Mr. Carter, "in the East it costs twice as much to live as it does in the South. Lumber costs four times as much as it does here. We can buy our material just as cheap, or cheaper, here than they can in the East. Then, why can we not make and sell shoes as cheap or cheaper than the Eastern factories? That is just what we are going to do, and time will prove it. I firmly believe that we can make better shoes in Nashville at 25 per cent. less cost than the factories in the East can."

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In a curious twist of the grass-grown road,  
Just over beyond the spruces,  
Lies a moss-embroidered watering trough,  
Grinful of the limpid juices  
Distilled from the heart of the hill above  
By the gnomes that toil thereunder:  
I can hear the rush of their elfin feet,  
And their echo-gnomeic thunder.

This watering-trough is the quaintest thing!

'Twas carved with an axe or hatchet

In the crudest way, with the rudest blows—

I doubt if the world can match it.

The tooth of time, or the axe, has made

A notch in the farther corner,

Where many a barefoot girl has drank,  
And many a Jacky Horner.

The dear old log is a twisted thing,  
But it holds the sweetest water

That ever was drank by beast or bird,  
Or quaffed by a son or daughter:

And yesterday, after forty years,  
I searched until I found it—

A doubtful chance, for the grasses' arms

Were lovingly clasped around it.

A face looked up from the mimic sea,  
Alas! 'twas not the old one!

But the yell-w frog at the farther end

Was the very same old bold one—

A pop-eyed fiend—who never winked

When I bent to quaff the nectar:  
If it wasn't that same old "crazy quill,"

It must have been his spectre.

And Nell, O Nell, do you mind the day

You knelt down close beside me,  
I shall never forget it, sweet,

Whatever may betide me—  
Or quaffed by a son or daughter:

And we bent above this tell-tale cup,  
Reflecting untold blisses,

Where we saw two faces looking up,  
And kisses chasing kisses?

A brown-faced, blue-eyed, barefoot girl—

The angels how they love her!

A barefoot boy with bleeding feet,  
Her constant, gray-haired lover—

Will search the paths of heaven some day

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